(b) UNICEF in collaboration with John Hopkins University, USA and the State Government has developed a comprehensive toolkit for retrospective verbal autopsy of maternal deaths and method for providing feedback for community action.

(c) UNICEF is working with various State Governments to help them streamline their existing maternal death audit protocols and practices. It is currently supporting the implementation of maternal death enquiry in five high maternal mortality States namely Jharkhand, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and West Bengal since 2004-2005. UNICEF is supporting the Development and Implementation of Maternal and Perinatal (Child Death within 7 days of birth) Death Enquiries (MAPEDE) as a tool to strengthen commounity participation in evidence based district level planning in above States. The tool, which is basically a structured verbal autopsy questionnaire, has been given to the respective States by UNICEF.

Meningococcemia outbreak in the country

† 2831. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that affliction of dangerous meningococcemia disease is still continuing in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the number of patients of this disease admitted in various hospitals so far; and

(c) the concrete steps being taken by Government to get rid of this dreaded disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Meningococcemia is the most severe form of infection with meningococcus causing meningococal meningitis. The State-wise number of cases and deaths due to meningities are given in the Statement (*See* below). Data regarding number of patients admitted in various hospitals in not Centrally maintained.

(c) It is primarily the responsiblity of the State Government to prevent the disease through IEC and to provide the required facilities including early diagnosis and prompt treatment; contact tracking of the patients

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

and providing chemoprophylaxis. National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) provides necessary technical support to States to prevent and control meningococcal diseases.

Statement

States/UTs-wise cases and deaths due to Meningococcal Meningitis in India 2006

Sl. No.	State/UT	Male		Female		Total		Reference Period Up to
		Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Andhra Pradesh	473	6	467	5	940	11	Dec.,Except Aug.,06
2	Arunachal Pradesh	22	3	9	2	31	5	Dec., 06
3	Assam	—	—	—	—	—	—	NR
4	Bihar	—	—	—	—	—	—	NR
5	Chhattisgarh	94	2	3	1	97	3	Dec.,Except Jan & Sept.06
6	Goa	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dec., 06
7	Gujarat	33	4	21	3	54	7	Dec.,06
8	Haryana	6	0	1	0	7	0	Dec.,06
9	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dec.,06
10	Jammu Div.	0	0	0	0	6	0	Dec.,06
	Kashmir Div.	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dec., 06
11	Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dec.,06
12	Karnataka	2	0	1	0	3	0	Dec.,06
13	Kerala	17	2	6	0	23	2	Dec.,06
14	Madhya Pradesh	34	2	31	1	65	3	July.,06
15	Maharashtra	120	37	79	22	199	59	Dec.,06
16	Manipur	45	8	21	6	66	14	Dec.,06
17	Meghalaya	48	7	30	4	78	11	Dec.,06
18	Mizoram	41	0	50	0	91	0	Dec.,06
19	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	July., 06
20	Orissa	36	1	12	3	48	4	Dec.,06

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
21	Punjab	18	5	13	0	31	5	Dec.,06
22	Rajasthan	110	1	77	0	187	1	Dec.,06
23	Sikkim	3	0	1	0	4	0	Dec.,06
24	Tamil Nadu	—	—	—	—	8	0	Nov.,06
25	Tripura	40	6	21	3	61	9	Nov.,06
26	Uttaranchal	35	0	23	0	58	0	Dec.,06
27	Uttar Pradesh	13	2	2	1	15	3	Dec.,06
28	West Bengal	554	68	354	46	908	114	Dec.,06
29	A&N Islands	4	0	3	1	7	1	Dec.,06
30	Chandigarh	—	—	—	—	—	—	NR
31	D & N Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dec.,06
32	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0	Feb Apr.,Nov.& Dev.,06 only
33	Delhi	237	39	82	19	319	58	Dec.,06
34	Lakshadweep	4	0	3	0	7	0	Dec.,06
35	Pondicherry	43	0	41	1	84	1	Dec.,06
	TOTAL:	2032	193	1351	118	3397	311	

Data is provisional and not comparable due to ill defined coverage

—Not Reported

NR-Not Received

The Sum of male and female may not tally with total figure as some States/Uts have not reported gender-wise information separately.

SOURCE: MONTHLY HEALTH CONDITION REPORTS OF STATES/UTS, DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Regulation of private hospitals

2832. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no mechanism to regulate corporate healthcare institutes from their malpractices and exorbitant charges;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to address the situation?